

Joseph
Dec 23/88

Rensselaer, December 23^d 1888.

Miss Dread

Dear Madam,

As Christmas
is approaching I think it my
duty to send you sometimes
wishing you and your kind sister
a Merry Christmas and Happy New
Year! May the Infant Jesus bestow
His choicest blessings upon you,
grant you health and strength
that you may continue to be the
good Mother of the Orphans,
especially of the poor Indian children
and that the great work you have
founded will last for many
of years to come. In this way you

12-23-88

will one day receive the reward and
crown of a true Missionary who saved
many souls for the Kingdom of
Heaven. All the Sisters here join in my
wishes for you and we will all remember
you in our prayers. In the house every-
thing is going on as usual. I suppose
Rev. Father Stephen has told you. It is only
to be wished for that there was a qualified
man here for the boys to keep them in good
control. Rev. Father Willard is too good. It
is pretty hard to keep the house clean though
we scrub and wash a great deal, yet we
hope it will become better by and by. The
boys are too big to be kept in order by the
sisters, some men would do better.

We hope that you will always assist and
help us with your advice and care.
The ice house is nearly finished, so we
shall have room for baking and washing.
Concluding I renew my sincere wishes
Yours very respectfully
Sister M. Cecile.
per Sister M. Ida.